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Mr Sam Webster

Via email

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Dear Mr Webster

Re Our letter to religious bodies

I write further to your email of 23 July regarding an error in our letter of 17 July 2020 in relation to The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020.

The letter asks that information requested in an accompanying form is returned to this office by 17 August and incorrectly states:

“If we do not receive any response by this date, it will be assumed that you and other members of the church no longer wish to be registered as officiants for any type of marriage. We will cancel the registrations on the officiant database accordingly, and you will not be able to carry out any marriage ceremonies in Northern Ireland.”

Please note that it was not and is not the intention to cancel registration of officiants and we are currently writing to all churches to highlight the mistake and apologise unreservedly for this error.

Thank you

Kathie Walker

Deputy Registrar General